[*Translation*]

Pension to Disabled Armed Forces Personnel

4801. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the case of armed forces personnel relieved from the army on the ground of disability, the extent of their disability is shown on the lower side by the Controller of Defence Accounts (C.D.A.) as a result of which the quantum of their pension is affected; and

(b) if so, the basis on which this authority has been given to the C.D.A. and the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). At the time of release invalidment from the Armed Forces, the quantum of disability of Armed Forces personnel is initially assessed and recommended by the release/invaliding Medical Boards. The recommendations of these Boards can be reviewed and revised by the Chief CDA (Pensions) in consultation with the medical advisors (Pensions), who are medical officers representing the Director General of the Armed Forces Medical Services, as per the procedure laid down in the Entitlement Rules to Casualty Pensionery Awards to the Armed Forces Personnel, 1982. Such a review can lead to an award of disability element of Disability Pension at the same level, at a higher level or at a lower level, vis-a-vis the recommendations of the Invaliding Medical Board.

Naval Headquarters Contract for Motors and Starters

4802. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naval Headquarters had entered into a contract with a foreign firm in 1987 for the supply of motors and starters;

(b) if so, whether the starters supplied by that firm were found to be unsuitable as they were not according to the specifications;

(c) whether the starters have been turned to the firm and it has refunded their cost; and

(d) if not, the time by which this process is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The entire cost of the starters has been refunded by the firm. The firm has, however, not taken back the starters and has advised the NHQ to retain them for any possible use.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Plan to make Ring Road a Freeway

4803. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Plan to make Ring Road a 'Freeway'" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated July 13, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the plan to make Ring Road in Delhi into a freeway;

(c) the time by which the Ring Road is likely to be made into a freeway;